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MEETING ON WESTERN SAHARA

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Reasons 1.4 (B&D).

[1](#)1. (C) On instruction from the Polisario Leadership, Polisario New York Representative Ahmed Boukhari delivered March 22 the Polisario response (text in para 2) to the March 20 invitation to a U.S.-hosted meeting with Morocco on the Western Sahara. Boukhari's only comment was that the Polisario wanted to be helpful, but that there were certain red lines they could not cross.

[1](#)2. (U) Text of Polisario response:

His Excellency Mr. Alejandro Wolff  
Acting Permanent Representative of the United States to the  
United Nations  
140 East 45th Street  
New York, NY 10017

March 22, 2007

Mr. Ambassador,

The Polisario Leadership has read with consideration and high interest your letter of March 19, 2007 and instructed me to transmit to you the following:

1-The Polisario Leadership wanted to thank the United States Government for its efforts aimed at assuring peace in the world and, in this frame, its efforts to try to contribute to a just solution of the conflict over the decolonization of Western Sahara.

2-The Polisario Leadership has been and is still in favor of the principle of negotiations and dialogue under the auspices of United Nations with a view of facilitating a smooth, ordered and speedy implementation of the right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination, which has been the main legal pillar and *raison-d'etre* of all United Nations resolutions and of all Peace plans endorsed by the Security Council, ranging from the original Settlement Plan of 1990-91, the Houston Accords of 1997 to the Peace plan for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara (Plan Baker)(sic) of July 2003.

3-We were all these years feeding a legitimate hope to see the United States, with regard (sic) the question of Western Sahara, playing a decisive role to preserve this framework

for any negotiations or dialogue with the intransigent occupying power of our country, taking into account your own great History, values, proved attachment to democracy, self-determination and human Rights as well as Mr. Baker (sic) priceless efforts.

4-In conclusion, and while thanking again the United States Government for this initiative, the Polisario Leadership is on (sic) the opinion that the acceptance of the principle of negotiations or talks with Morocco must be based on the following:

i). These negotiations should take place under the United Nations auspices and with the valuable support of the United States;

ii). They should take place in order to enable the people of Western Sahara to exercise their right to self-determination, in the framework of the Baker Peace Plan for Western Sahara. I avail myself of this opportunity to express to your Excellency my highest considerations.

Ahmed Bujari  
Representative of the F. Polisario  
End Text  
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